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Acknowledgment is made of the receipt and entry of the amendment filed on November 4, 2004. Further acknowledgment is made of newly submitted Claims 18-45. However, Applicant is not fully responsive to the previous Office action dated July 2, 2004, wherein Claims 48-84 were pending; wherein Claims 68 and 69 were withdrawn from consideration; and, wherein Claims 48-67 and 70-84 were examined on the merits, because Applicant has not argued the merits of the rejections set forth in the previous Office action. Moreover, in the response dated November 4, 2004, Applicant cancelled Claims 1-17 and submitted Claims 18-45. Applicant is reminded that the filing and acceptance of the Request for Continued Examination, on December 15, 2003, cancelled Claims 1-47 and entered Claims 48-84. Thus, the numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, Applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

  
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